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## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This communication is responsive to the Examiner's official paper mailed November 10, 1998 and is being filed within the three—month extension period for responding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A petition to extend the period for responding to the Office Action by three month, from March 10, 1997 to May 10, 1999, together with a required fee is submitted herewith.

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

## **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1–10 pending in the present application. For the reasons stated below Applicants' respectfully maintain that the claims as amended are allowable over the cited references.

## REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Claim 1-7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for allegedly "containing subject matter which was not described in the